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Philadelphia District

**PROJECT FACT SHEET**  
**BUSHKILL CREEK,  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PA**

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**CONGRESSIONAL INFO:** Sen. Specter PA, Sen. Santorum PA, Rep. Dent (PA-15)

**AUTHORITY:** Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 as amended.

**LOCATION:** The study area is located in Northampton County, on a tributary of the Delaware River.

**STUDY/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Corps of Engineers assistance was requested in response to a series of sinkholes which have increased dramatically in recent years along Bushkill Creek. These sinkholes threaten stream flow in this highly important natural trout coldwater stream.

**STUDY/PROJECT STATUS:** A Preliminary Restoration Plan (PRP) was developed and approved by Higher Headquarters which identify a restoration plan involving stream lining that significantly improves the aquatic environment. Data collection for the feasibility study is underway.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS:** An environmental assessment is being prepared as part of the Feasibility Study.

**SPONSOR:** Northampton County

**CRITICAL ISSUES:** Authority exists for the Corps of Engineers to investigate the creek situation (restoration), but no funding is available. No authority exists to respond to threats to property (sinkholes).

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